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EVENT: SENTENCING

DEFENDANT: Frank Brasza

**FORMER MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR OF
EAST DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS SENTENCED
TO 12 MONTHS IN PRISON**

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy; Daniel D. Roberts, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Maurice M. Aouate, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service announced that Frank Brasza, age 63, a resident of Rochester Hills, Michigan, was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge Patrick J. Duggan to 12 months and one day imprisonment. Mr. Brasza had previously pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit racketeering between 1990 and 2002 in Macomb County. In addition, upon court order, Mr. Brasza paid \$225,000 in restitution to the East Detroit Public Schools at the time of sentencing.

Assistant United States Attorney John Engstrom, who prosecuted the case, stated that

"as the Director of Maintenance at East Detroit Public Schools during the course of the racketeering conspiracy, Mr. Brasza's participation was necessary and integral to the success of the conspiracy. Mr. Brasza approved invoices which overbilled the district in excess of \$1,500,00.00, at or about the same time as he received free services from many of the vendors submitting false and excessive invoices. Ultimately, Mr. Brasza cooperated in the investigation and testified against some of his coconspirators and the abbreviated length of his sentence reflects the level of his cooperation."

Mr. Murphy commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service for its investigation of this case which led to the successful prosecution of Mr. Brasza.